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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SOTO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 12, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DARREN SOTO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, throughout human history You have acted on our behalf, defended us against our enemies, saved us from our own sinfulness. And like those who have gone before us, we have failed to appreciate the mercy You have afforded us from the beginning of time.

Show us the writing on the wall. Our days are numbered. It doesn't matter whether we are counting the days of our life, or the time in our current vocations, You have determined the days we are given to serve You.

May we not be found wanting, having fallen short of the part we play in Your gracious design.

May we instead look to all that You have done for us, all that You have promised, and remember how blessed we are.

May we respond with full hearts and willing spirits, in our attitudes and actions, living lives worthy of Your mercy.

May we speak Your truth in our every word with our colleagues and constituents, as to the stranger and to the estranged.

And may we reflect to the world Your steadfast love to those around us, the poor and needy, the offensive and the irascible, friend and foe.

Holy God, make our lives count in the economy of Your grace. In Your sovereign name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT CHISOLM

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Chisolm, an American hero who passed away peacefully on January 4, 2022, after a lifetime of service to our country and to El Paso.

Lieutenant Colonel Chisolm served in the Army in World War II, the Korean

war, and the Vietnam war. He was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division when he parachuted into combat in Normandy, France, on D-day, a day that liberated Western Europe from Nazi rule.

He was also recognized in 2012 by the French Government and awarded the French Legion of Honor medal.

After 29 years of faithful service, he retired from the military and settled in El Paso, Texas, with his wife, Margaret. Lieutenant Colonel Chisolm helped create a community for local veterans as a founding member of the Benavidez-Patterson All Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, which awards scholarships to the children and grandchildren of paratroopers.

May Lieutenant Colonel Robert Chisolm's legacy of devotion to our country, his fellow veterans, and his unwavering commitment to service continue to inspire us all.

HONORING THE CAREER OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN F. SAMPÁ

(Mr. NEHLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the distinguished and exceptional career of my friend, Command Sergeant Major John F. Sampa, the retiring Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard.

It is one of my greatest honors and privilege to have served with then-Sergeant John Sampa when I was a lieutenant with Bravo Company 4th Battalion 112th Armor, in Rosenberg, Texas. He mentored and advised countless soldiers and airmen throughout his career.

His rise to the highest enlisted rank in the National Guard was not by chance. Command Sergeant Major

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